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1-HUM-36- 27.867
Morgan Cannabis
PLN-12286-SP



Dear Ms. Acevedo:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Morgan Cannabis cultivation operation. The site includes 10,000 square feet of cultivation area. The project is located at 27730 State Hwy 36, (APN: 208-111-029). The road approach (driveway) used for parcel access to/from State Route (SR)-36 is not readily apparent in the application, nor in any of the attachments included. However, we anticipate that the access is likely the undesignated and privately maintained driveway at Post Mile (PM) 27.205 (right). This access crosses 8 parcels along the way to the applicant's parcel. Additionally, the driveway to the project parcel also appears to be used by numerous other parcels. We have the following comments:

We recommend the County request verification on the primary access road for this project from the applicant.

The driveway does not meet Caltrans standards for a multi-residential driveway. Some of the potential deficiencies noted include, but are not limited to, unpaved approach, insufficient throat width, drainage issues, and intersection sight distance. For details on Caltrans driveway requirements, please refer to the Caltrans Encroachment Permits Manual, Appendix J, which can be found online here: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/encroachment-permits/appendix-j-ada.pdf>

We recommend the County, as a condition of the permit, require the applicant to improve the driveway to meet Caltrans standards for a commercial driveway and obtain an approved Caltrans Encroachment Permit.

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Any work within Caltrans Right-of-Way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Permits to construct, upgrade, own, and operate road approaches to the State highway system are issued to the individual or legal entity with ownership rights of that road approach. It is not clear the applicant has such rights. If they do have ownership/easement rights, they should submit proof of ownership/easement with their application for a permit. If they do NOT have ownership/easement rights, then they may, with the property owner's written permission, apply for a permit on behalf of the owner as an authorized agent of the property owner.

Encroachment permit applications are reviewed for consistency with State standards and are subject to Department approval. To streamline the permit application and review process, we require the applicant to consult with our Permit staff prior to submitting an application. Requests for permit applications can be sent to: Caltrans District 1 Permits Office, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, or requested by phone at (707) 463-4743. For additional information, the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual and Standard Application is available online at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>

Please contact me by email with questions or for further assistance with this letter at: <Jacob.rightnar@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,



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c: Heidi Quintrell, Chief, Caltrans District 1 Encroachment Permits (e-copy)